

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

MILLER et al.

Application No. 10/765,514

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For: VALVE ELEMENT

Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Hylton, Robin A.

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 22, 2006, currently due March 22, 2007 pursuant to petition for extension of time and Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 filed concurrently herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.